

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached hereto are Annotated Sheets of the Application drawings, showing (in red) requested changes to FIGS. 2 and 3, and Replacement Sheets of the Application drawings, which replace the original sheet and includes the requested changes to FIGS. 2 and 3.

The changes to FIG. 2 comprise: (1) labeling the end of a lead line shown thereon, and pointing to a comparator, with the number – 15 – , and (2) changing the number of an electrical wire from “70” to .. 69 ..

The change to FIG. 3 comprises changing the number of the electrical wire from “70” to .. 69 ..

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (with FIGS 2, and 3)

Annotated Sheets (with FIGS 2 and 3 and showing requested changes.

REMARKS

Paragraph [00039] of the Specification and FIGS. 2 and 3 of the drawings are amended to change the number of an electrical wire from “70” to .. 69 .. and to insert a period after the word “thereagainst” at the end of the paragraph. Paragraph [00046] of the Specification and FIG. 2 of the application are amended to label a comparator, described and shown therein at the time of filing, with the number .. 15 ..

By this Reply, Claims 1 and 6 are canceled, Claims 2, 3, 4, and 7 are amended, and Claims 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are newly added. Accordingly, upon entry of this Reply, Claims 2 – 5, and 7 – 13 are pending.

Entry and reconsideration of this Paper is requested.

The Examiner objected to the drawings, stating that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner contended that a “comparator” recited in Claim 3 must be shown or the feature canceled from the Claim.

At the time of filing, Paragraph [00046] of the Specification discussed the comparator, and in FIG. 2 of the drawings. a lead line pointed to the comparator. Neither the term “comparator” nor the end of the lead line pointing thereto were labeled. By the action herein, Paragraph [00046] and FIG. 2 are amended by adding a number – 15 – after the word “comparator” and at the end of the lead line.

Accordingly, by the amendments herein to the Specification and to FIG. 2 of the drawings, the Examiner's objection is believed obviated.

Further, upon review of the Application, Applicant's Attorney noted that the number "70" was used in the application to identify an electrical wire (e.g., FIGS. 2 and 3) and also to identify a spacer or cylinder (e.g., FIG. 4 and Paragraphs [00048], [00049], and [00051]). The amendment herein to FIGS. 2 and 3 and Paragraph [00039], wherein the wire is renumbered as -- 69 --, is believed to obviate any indefiniteness.

The Examiner objected to Claims 6 and 7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (viz. Claim 1) but acknowledged that Claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Further, the Examiner objected to a grammatical error in Claim 1.

By this Reply, a new independent Claim 9 is added, which claim includes the limitations of Claims 1 and 6, and corrects the noted grammatical error. Claims 1 and 6 are cancelled without prejudice.

Accordingly, Claim 9 is submitted as being allowable.

The Examiner, in stating reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, indicated that Claim 6 recites a force member comprising a pneumatic actuator including an actuator body and an actuator rod, the force member including means for a reciprocating movement relative to the actuator body. In this regard, the Examiner also acknowledges that the

claims which depend on Claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 2 – 5 and 7, which previously depended from Claim 1 or Claim 6, are amended herein to depend from Claim 9. Accordingly, Claims 2 – 5 and 7 are submitted as being patentable for the same reason Claim 9 is patentable.

To advance prosecution, Claim 8 is cancelled.

Claims 10 – 13 are newly added herein, and each is directed to thread tension adjusting apparatus, including a pneumatic force member. Claims 10 – 13 rephrase the patentable structure of allowable Claim 9 and each is submitted as being patentable over the prior art for the same reason that Claim 9 is patentable over the prior art.

Additionally, Applicants Attorney submits that Claims 10 – 13 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The Specification and FIG. 2 of the drawings are amended herein and in a manner to show structure originally found in the four corners of the Application. No new matter is added. The Examiner's objection to Claim 3 is submitted as having been obviated.

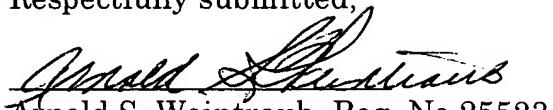
Independent Claim 9 is added herein and written to include all of the requirements of Claims 1 and 6 and obviate a grammatical error in Claim 1. The Examiner noted that such claim and the claims dependent thereon would be allowable. Accordingly, Claim 9 and Claims 2 - 5 and 7 dependent thereon are submitted as being patentable and in condition for allowance.

Claims 10 – 13 are added herein and each is directed to thread tension adjusting apparatus including a pneumatic force member. Claims 10 -13 rephrase patentable structure, such as found in allowable Claim 9, and each is submitted as being patentable over the prior art for the same reason that Claim 9 is patentable thereover. Further, Claims 10 – 13 are submitted as being in condition for allowance.

A Notice of Allowance of all claims pending herein is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact this Attorney at the number listed below.

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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

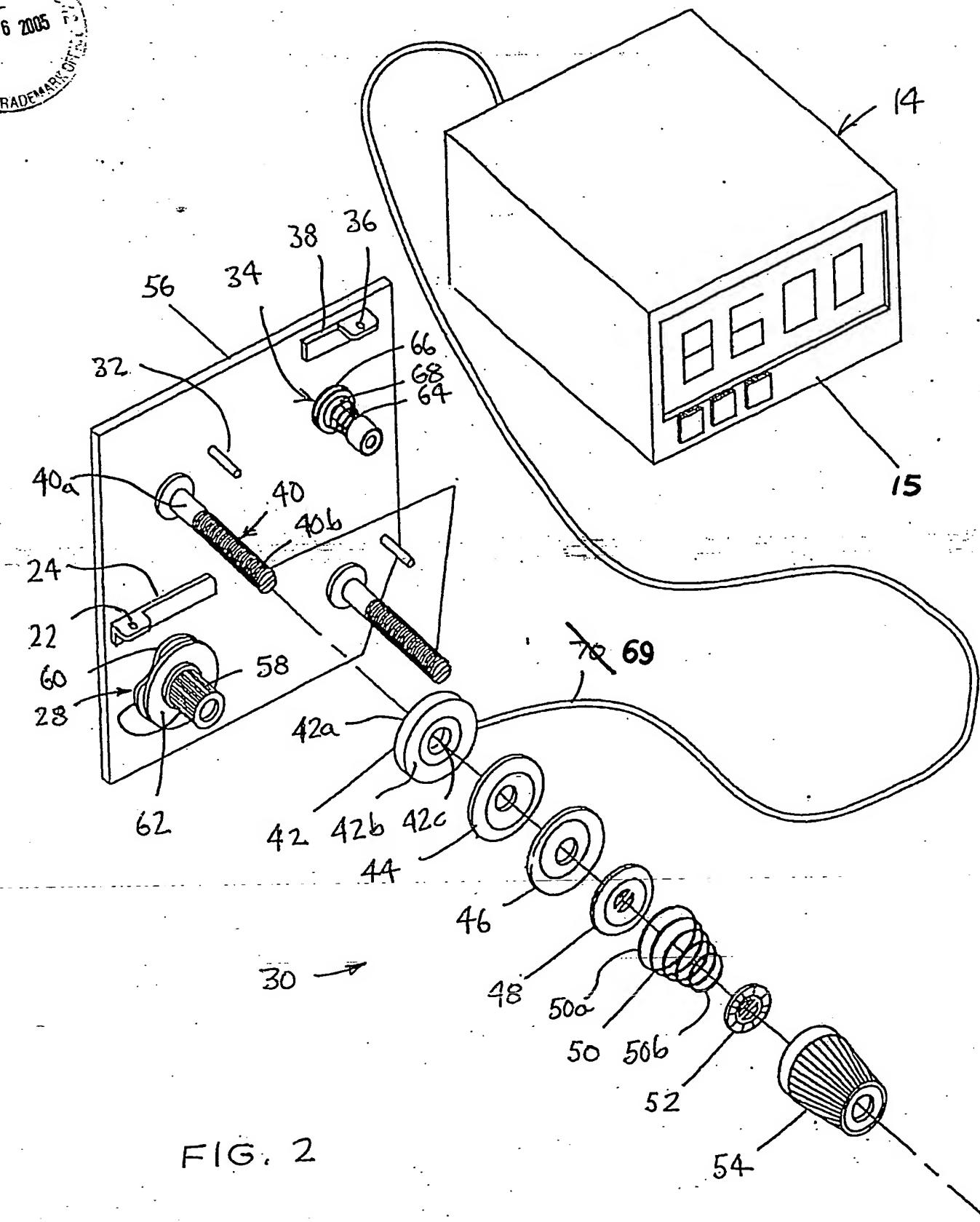
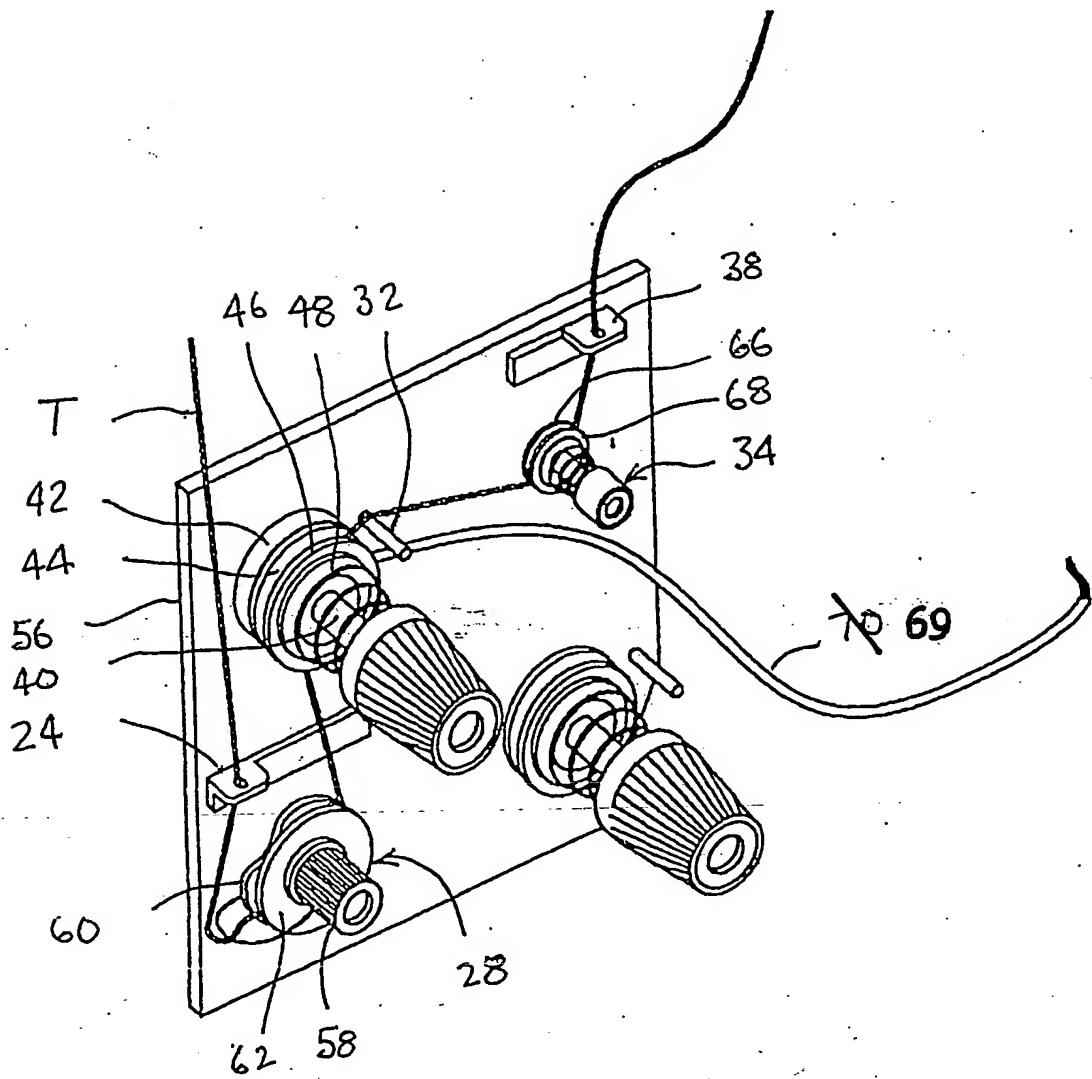


FIG. 2

FIG. 3



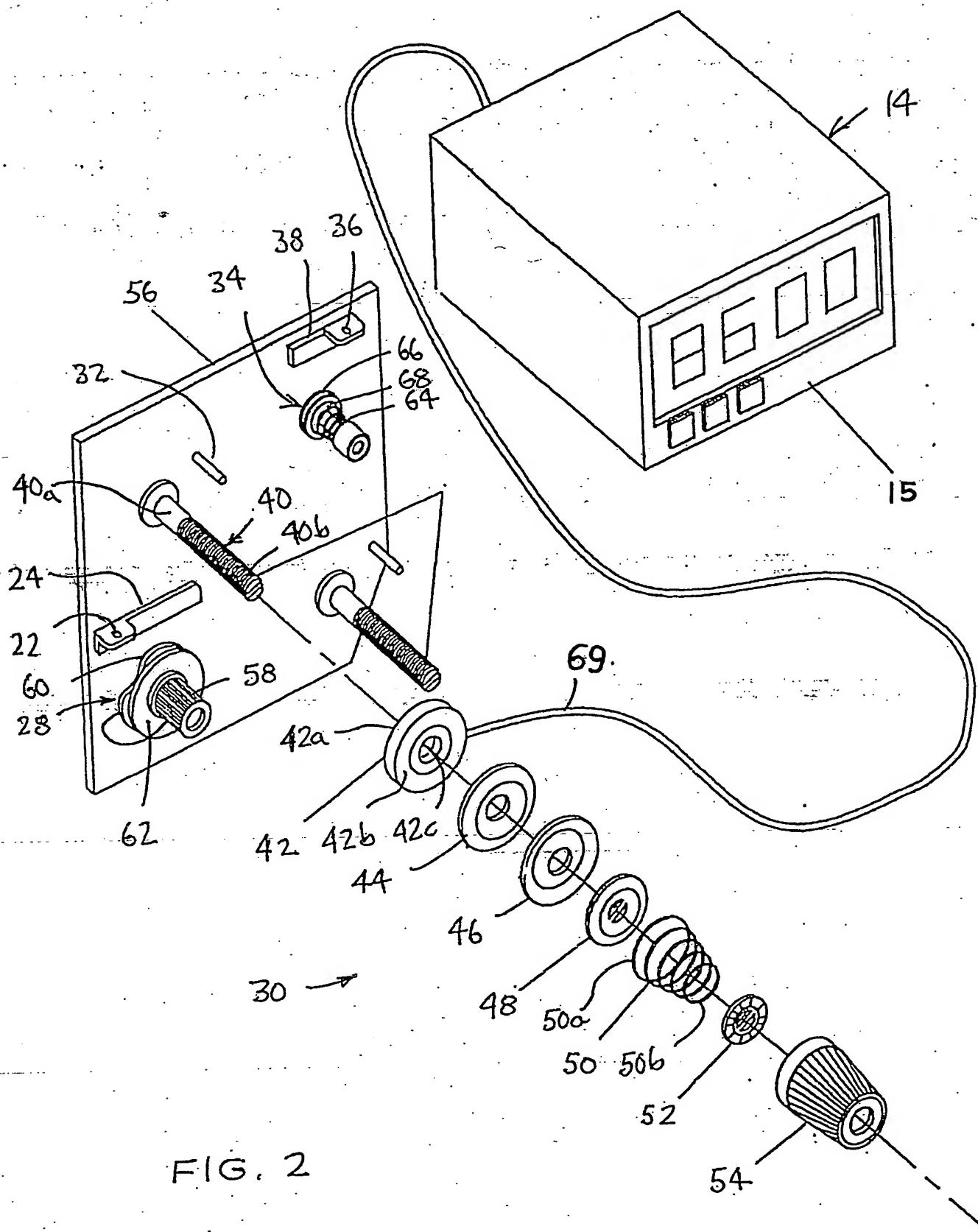


FIG. 2

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REPLACEMENT SHEET

FIG. 3

